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LIGHTNING FOR BARBOR DEFENSE.

The invention is announced of a new

method of protecting the seacoast and

seaports of the United States. By its

means the ships of an enemy would, on

approaching a point of proposed attack,

be suddenly and literally struck by light-

ning. From this it may be inferred, and

correctly, that the proposed defense is to

be accomplished by electrical agencies.

The apparatus is as yet untried, except

in the inventor's mind. Particulars as to

its construction and operation must re-

main for the present unknown. All that

the inventor of the defense will vouchsafe

to the public are that his scheme can be

applied anywhere and with comparatively

little trouble or expense. When

shipped the controlling organ can, it is

claimed, cause ten bolts, each equal to

a fifty-thousand-ton blow, to strike with-

in a second any vessel attempting to cross

a given line.

It is evident that ordinary "lightning

of a clear sky" will be outclassed by

this new method of harbor defense. Let

the Government by all means have the

inventor bring on his bolts, and then

Uncle Sam, confident in his 50,000-ton

decade-line, may plant the ship wherever

he will on his sturdy shoulder before the

nations of earth.

Among the most important proceedings

of the year at Albany, so far as New York

City is immediately and vitally concerned,

will be the hearing announced for Friday

next by Gov. Flower, on the Sullivan

East River Bridge bill and the bill pro-

viding for an elevated railway connection

with the proposed new bridge. In pass-

ing these measures, the State Legislature

took a step involving the absolute theft

from the city of rights and franchises al-

most invaluable. The opposition to both

bills should make itself so strongly felt

that the Governor will feel impelled to

exercise his veto power.

The Rev. Mr. PARKHURST says he ex-

pects to be throwing out of the Grand

Jury of the charges he had preferred, on

evidence collected by himself, of whole-

sale violations of the Excise law in the

city. There is no reason why he shouldn't

have expected it. For a clergyman, be-

cause of his very habits of life and his

personal conduct, is ordinarily least

fitted, of all men, to go out for a personal

hunting down of law-breakers in their

own haunts. The true man of the cloth

will rarely make a successful detective.

From a report of yesterday's Assembly

session at Albany:

"One of the most able speakers," said Mr. Dry,

of the Albany Assembly, "but it takes

time to make a speech. That man is so tight that

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